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DAMAGE TO CROPS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of killing of people and damage to crops by wild animals including Neel Gai have been reported from various States including Maharashtra and Uttarakhand during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)&(b) Incidents of killing of people and damage to crops by the wild animals including Neel Gai have been reported from various states including Maharashtra and Uttarakhand. The State-wise details are not collated in the Ministry. However, as per the information received from the States of Maharashtra and Uttarakhand, the details of killing of people and damage of crops due to wild animals during last three years are at Annexure.

(c) The corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard are as follows:

1. Construction of boundary walls and solar fences around the sensitive areas.
2. Formation of Eco-development committees and Joint Forest Management Committees.
3. Creation of water holes to provide drinking water to wild animals inside the forest area.
4. Establishment of rescue centers for the wild animals that stray into public places.
5. Involvement of local people in protection works through awareness programmes.
6. The Chief Wildlife Warden of the State is empowered to permit hunting of the problematic wild animals including Nil Gai under the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
7. The Ministry has also directed the Wildlife Institute of India to carry out a study in the important affected areas to recommend mitigatory measures.